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## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	15791	Agenda Number	61.
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Meeting Date:	6/28/2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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### Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with PRIESTER-MELL & NICHOLSON INC for the purchase of SF6 pad-mounted automatic transfer switchgear for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$369,000.

### Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

### Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II, 322-6060
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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### Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of three SF6 pad-mounted automatic transfer switchgear. A switchgear is a system of controls and circuit breakers enclosed in a single housing that provides multiple circuit paths for distributing power to the end customer. It is usually connected to a power transformer and supplies separate distribution circuits. It includes controls for the breakers, protection systems for transformers, breakers, and distribution circuits, as well as metering capability. SF6 switchgear has a gas insulating medium which results in a much smaller unit in comparison to air insulated switchgear. SF6 switchgear safely provides a quicker relay response and interruption if a fault is indicated. This quicker and safer response provides for better power system reliability. Two units will replace the manual switchgear located at the new System Control Center and the third will be in inventory until needed.

MBE /WBE Solicited: 0/0

MBE /WBE Bid: 0/0

**BID TABULATION**  
IFB No. GGU0106  
SF6 pad-mounted switchgear  
(Quantity of 3)

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc. Austin, TX	\$123,000	\$369,000
KBS Electrical Distributors Inc. Austin, TX	\$127,250	\$381,750

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifty-three notices were sent. There are no known MBE /WBEs for this commodity code. Two bids were received.
- c. This is the first purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.